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Controversy.

Little machine causes debate surrounding Ohio's drunken driving laws

By **Freddy Hunt**
Editor-in-Chief

Ohio judges and defense attorneys are blowing wind at a recently approved breath alcohol tester and are anticipating courtroom congestion surrounding Ohio drunken driving laws.

Breath alcohol results from the Intoxilyzer 8000 have been thrown out as evidence in several courts in Minnesota, Florida and Arizona because CMI Inc., the instrument's manufacturer, won't

release the device's source code.

Bowling Green Municipal Court Judge Mark Reddin said he expects defense attorneys in Ohio to make similar challenges once 700 of the instruments are distributed statewide.

THE CATCH

Challenging the new devices won't be as easy in Ohio as in other states and will require overturning the 1982 court case

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DIVERSITY: Chris Scizza, proxy to Senator At-Large Jonnie L. Lewis, listens to a proposal for a resolution that shows support of changing the name of Minority Affairs Senator.

USG discusses title changes, possible green fee

By **India Hunter**
Reporter

Minority Affairs Senator Starmisha Page-Conyers hopes that whoever is in her position next year will no longer be called a Minority Affairs senator. Instead she wants the position to be called Diversity Affairs Senator. This is part of a resolution she wrote and proposed to members of the Undergraduate Student Government during last night's meeting.

"I feel that the title of minority in itself sounds demeaning," Page-Conyers said. "It makes it sound as if the position is not important."

She also presented a history of how the title of minority affairs senator came about in 1969 when 105 black students

requested a position within the Student Council, which is now called USG.

She feels this term is outdated and exclusive of other groups.

"By changing the name to diversity affairs senator, it sounds more inclusive," Page said. "It just sounds better."

Organization Liaison Rob Emmelhainz agreed that renaming the position would be a good decision.

"I think it's worthwhile and that's why I am sponsoring this resolution," Emmelhainz said.

But some USG members had worries about changing the title. "I have concerns that some groups may be left out," At-Large Senator Molly Albertson said.

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Administrators forfeit raises, help students pay tuition

By **James Hannah**
The Associated Press



Some of the top salaries from Ohio's universities. Compiled by the Associated Press, 2/2009

\$375,000

CAROL CARTWRIGHT
Bowling Green State University

\$392,700

LLOYD JACOBS
University of Toledo

\$378,525

LESTER LEFTON
Kent State University

\$418,789

NANCY ZIMMER
University of Cincinnati

\$775,008

GORDON GEE
Ohio State University

\$354,495

LUIS PROENZA
University of Akron

\$380,000

RODERICK MCDAVIS
Ohio University

\$344,448

DAVID HOPKINS
Wright State University

DAYTON — Top administrators at Wright State University will give up raises this year and contribute to an emergency relief fund that will aid students struggling to cover the cost of tuition amid the U.S. recession, the school said yesterday.

The \$1 million emergency fund could be crucial heading into fall as students find it harder to get private loans to help pay for school. Other public and private schools in Ohio, Michigan, New York and Virginia have set up similar funds.

"We see the students and their struggles," said Bryan Rowland, Wright State's vice president for university advancement.

The college estimates at least 2,829 students will be in need of emergency relief, either because of layoffs, underemployment or having to drop out for sudden financial reasons.

About 25 administrators — including the president, provost, vice presidents and deans — will forego raises.

The school hasn't determined pay raises this year because of the uncertainty surrounding the state budget. But assuming a 1 percent pay hike, \$40,000 in deferred raises would go toward the fund.

Wright State University Foundation board members will provide or raise another \$250,000,

"I had no idea how I was going to come up with the money this year."

Caleb Ater | Student

and the school will ask faculty, staff and administrators to contribute, along with reallocating some of its budget toward the fund.

Caleb Ater, 21, welcomed the news.

"I had no idea how I was going to come up with the money this year," said Ater, a nursing student whose mother, a preschool teacher, lost her job.

Ater has a scholarship this year that covers tuition. But he has to reapply for a scholarship for the upcoming year, and there is no guarantee of him receiving one.

Wright State is hoping to raise money for the emergency fund in the next four months and have it available for students in the fall.

The amount for each student will be determined by their individual unmet need. Full-time students who are Ohio residents, are making satisfactory progress toward their degree and have filled out a federal financial-aid form will be eligible.

About 17,000 students are enrolled at Wright State, which has an undergraduate tuition of \$7,248 per year.

THIS WEEK'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREE ON ISSUES

(Compiled by Kristen Vasas. Next Meeting: Monday, March 16)

Action: The resolution approving revision to the Housing Section of the Comprehensive Master Plan regarding Section Q was given its second reading.

What this means to students: When the section is given its third reading, it could be adopted by the Council, requiring property maintenance standards and enforcement within the city of Bowling Green.

Action: An ordinance was adopted authorizing Utilities Director Kevin Maynard to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 2009 Fort Drive and Wallace Avenue sewer improvements.

Vote: 7-0

Action: An ordinance was adopted authorizing Utilities Director Kevin Maynard to advertise for bids and enter

into a contract or participate in State of Ohio purchasing programs for vehicles and equipment.

Vote: 7-0

Action: An ordinance was adopted allowing Utilities Director Kevin Maynard to create a contract with DPS Equipment Services for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer parts and the necessary labor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant's primary settling tank drive units.

Vote: 7-0

Action: A resolution was adopted authorizing Mayor Quinn to file an application and create a contract upon approval under the Community Development Block Grant.

Vote: 7-0

Current climate creates favorable tornado conditions

By **Lin Chafetz**
Reporter

In Spring 2007, University students panicked when tornado sirens sounded off during finals week. Due to recent weather conditions, some experts are wondering if the sirens will sound off again this year.

Between Feb. 10 and 11, nine tornadoes hit Oklahoma and Missouri, including one in Lone Grove, Okla., which killed eight people. These tornadoes, which were the first of 2009, were unusual because they happened during the winter.

Instructor Todd Albert, who has taught many sections of GEOG 125, Weather and Climate, said the air pressure systems this year are similar to that of 2007. The low-pressure systems sweeping from Canada and the moisture in the Gulf of Mexico make perfect conditions for a tornado, he said.

"Tornadoes can occur anywhere and at any time, although they are most likely in the late spring while Canada is still cool and the Gulf of Mexico is nice and warm," he said. "The mixing of air from these two places spawns many tornadoes over

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Todd Albert | Weather and Climate Instructor

the U.S."

Tornadoes have occurred in every state in the United States, and on every continent except for Antarctica.

Even though they can appear anywhere, the most likely place for a tornado to occur is between

the Rocky and the Appalachian Mountains, which has been named "Tornado Alley." Ohio is susceptible to tornadoes due to the fact that it is right in the

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CLIMATE: Low-pressure systems make for great conditions for tornadoes to occur.

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BLOTTER

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

2:31 A.M.

Complainant reported a verbal/physical altercation between male and female by the Little Red Schoolhouse on campus. Milton Hoffman, of Solon, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct and offenses involving an underage person.

3:14 A.M.

Complainant reported a possible fight between seven to eight males. Subjects were given verbal warning for disorderly conduct and warned that if the officers return, someone will be sent to jail.

8:58 A.M.

Complainant reported subject walking around the hill and pond by Lot 5 acting suspicious. Subject was just looking at the ducks.

12:09 P.M.

Complainant reported an unknown person(s) has attempted to break into 204 Moseley Hall.

4:49 P.M.

Complainant reported a purse was taken in McDonald East Hall. They later called back and advised the police where the purse was located.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

12:26 A.M.

Daniel Skinner, of Avon, Ohio was cited for possession of marijuana less than 100 grams, willful and wanton disregard for public safety and traffic control device. Zachary Wickery, of Avon, Ohio, was cited for possession of marijuana less than 100 grams.

11:39 A.M.

Complainant reported his vehicle key was stolen from the Student Recreation Center.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

12:57 A.M.

Bowling Green Fire Department transported a female subject with possible alcohol poisoning to Wood County Hospital from the Delta Zeta house.

2:23 A.M.

Complainant reported a dispute with a male subject. Male was warned to have no further contact with complainant or he would be arrested for disorderly conduct.

3:05 A.M.

Bowling Green Fire Department transported a female subject with possible alcohol poisoning to Wood County Hospital from Ashley.

4:54 P.M.

Complainant reported she lost a mini-purse on campus.

10:48 P.M.

Complainant reported a vehicle was driving recklessly and getting in a street sweeper's way in a parking lot on South Main Street. The driver told officers he was learning to drive a stick shift and would move over to

ONLINE: Go to bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

The Facebook petition mentioned in the campus brief on page 1 in Friday's issue of The BG News was incorrectly labelled. The correct title of the Facebook group is "Sign the petition for a USG Referendum for the Stroh Center issue."

TESTER

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State v. Vega, which says a defendant is not permitted to challenge a breath alcohol machine or the science behind it if the machine was approved by the Ohio Board of Health.

Terrence Rudes, a drunken driving defense attorney from Port Clinton, Ohio, said the State v. Vega precedent is the exact reason why the Kentucky-based manufacturer looked to Ohio to make a sale amounting to approximately \$6.4 million.

But Dean Ward, chief of the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Testing of the Ohio Department of Health, said CMI has agreed to release their machine's source code under a non-disclosure agreement in court, which means it may be released to defense attorneys on a case-by-case basis and will remain undisclosed to the public.

James Nesci, a defense attorney out of Tucson, Ariz., said alcohol breath results have been suppressed as evidence in over 500 OVI cases — operating a vehicle while intoxicated — because CMI refuses to release the Intoxilyzer 8000's source code, claiming it's vital to the company's interest that it remains secret. CMI has also offered a non-disclosure agreement to Arizona defense attorneys, he said, but has not turned over the source code in any of the cases.

OUT OF REACH

The problem, Nesci said, is that the Kentucky-based company is out of Arizona courts' jurisdiction. The company is also out of Ohio courts' jurisdiction.

"The Ohio government is outsourcing your right to confront your accusers to a foreign corporation," Nesci said.

Since the Ohio Board of Health approved the Intoxilyzer 8000 as reliable in January, Ohio Department of Public Safety Spokesperson Lindsay Komlanc said challenging the instrument "should pretty much be a moot point in Ohio anyway" because of State v. Vega.

Nesci believes the Vega case doesn't line up with the U.S. Constitution.

"If you rule inconsistently with Vega you are ruling consistently with the constitution," he said.

Rudes agrees with Nesci and said the current laws rob defendants of a fair trial.

"One of the things I think judges might find particularly repulsive is that the president of CMI is saying, 'Buy our machine because your supreme court won't let people challenge it,'" Rudes said. "Basically the machine decides whether you're guilty or not, not the judge or the jury. It's the machine that decides whether or not you're guilty."

CRAMMING THE COURTS

Reddin, who estimated he sees nearly 550 OVI cases in

a given year, said Ohio courts could become clogged with pending OVI cases, a concern which was originally expressed by the Association of Municipal/County Judges in Ohio in November before the new devices were approved by the state.

"I guess the issue for judges is whether the legislature will determine the scientific reliability of the devices and whether defendants will be able to challenge them," Reddin said.

If the Intoxilyzer 8000 becomes challengeable in court many OVI cases will be rerouted to the appellate courts, which could take up to a year to reach a decision, and then back to the municipal courts, Reddin said. Once one OVI case clears a path to the appellate courts, many more will follow, he said.

HUFFING AND PUFFING

Alfred Staubus, an independent forensic toxicologist who testifies for both the defense and prosecution in criminal cases, has been researching the Intoxilyzer 8000 and said the device has been questioned primarily because of a new infrared light source that previous breath testing devices used by the state don't contain. The Intoxilyzer 8000 also uses a pulsing light that makes it difficult to distinguish the difference between methanol and ethanol, he said.

Komlanc said it is important to understand that the Intoxilyzer

8000 has not been sued related to reliability and that all court cases relate to the manufacturers refusal to give up the instrument's source code.

The Intoxilyzer 8000 was selected because of its security features, its ability to process data with the swipe of an ID and its portability, Komlanc said.

The instruments were purchased with approximately \$6.4 million in federal funding that was made available to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ward said.

"The driving force behind the whole thing is money," he said. "The state does not have the resources to do this thing without the money."

In effort to work out any potential problems in Ohio courts, the Intoxilyzer 8000 will launch only in Clermont County sometime in March, Ward said.

"That's exactly what the pilot is for," he said. "I'm going to take this one county at a time."

Claremont County Courts Prosecutor Todd Stoffel is confident CMI is committed to providing whatever information Ohio courts may need.

"With any new instrument or issue there certainly will be motions filed by the defense bar," he said. "I certainly anticipate that occurring but I don't anticipate any problems."

Other Ohio counties may not see the Intoxilyzer 8000 for 18 months or longer, Ward said.

TORNADO

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middle of the Alley and has numerous plains, Albert said.

Koen van Bommel, an international student at the University, said he wouldn't know what to do if the tornado sirens were to sound off. In his home country of the Netherlands, there aren't any tornadoes, he said.

"I'd probably just get underground, grab some food or something," van Bommel said.

In the case of a tornado in Bowling Green, students should go quickly to a tornado shelter area — the lowest point in the building — and stay clear of doors and windows, according to the University's tornado policy.

Junior Ryan Glover said he spent his tornado scare in 2007 at Campus Polleyes and in the basement of a church on Thurstin Avenue. This year he has a different plan.

"If there is another tornado this year, I'm going to chase it," Glover said.

Whether Bowling Green will see a repeat of the 2007 tornado that hit during finals week, Albert said it's too early to tell.

"The timing was unfortunate, but tornadoes don't look at calendars," he said.

Obama nominee faces tax trouble, owes back taxes

By Stephen Ohlemacher and Dave Esposito
The Associated Press



Ron Kirk

Owes thousands of dollars in back taxes

WASHINGTON — Another Obama administration nominee has tax troubles. This time, it's Ron Kirk, the president's choice to be U.S. trade representative.

Kirk owes an estimated \$10,000 in back taxes from earlier in the decade and has agreed to pay them, the Senate Finance Committee said yesterday. The committee said the taxes arise from Kirk's handling of speaking fees he donated to a scholarship fund that he set up at his alma mater, and for his deduction of the full cost of season tickets to the Dallas Mavericks professional basketball team.

Kirk also agreed to make changes in his accounting of charitable deductions, including reducing the claimed value of a donated television from \$3,000 to \$1,500.

The former Dallas mayor is the fourth nominee by President Barack Obama to run into tax problems.

A third of the Senate voted against Tim Geithner's confirmation as treasury secretary after it was disclosed that he had to pay more than \$34,000

in back taxes and interest on income he made while working for the International Monetary Fund.

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle then withdrew as a nominee to become Health and Human Services after it was disclosed that he failed to pay \$128,000 in taxes. Nancy Killefer, Obama's pick for chief performance officer, also bowed out amid tax problems.

White House spokesman Ben LaBolt said Kirk was working to clear up "a few minor issues" uncovered by the Senate committee. LaBolt expressed confidence that Kirk would be confirmed by the Senate.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., called Kirk "the right person for this job" and said in a statement he will try to have the nomination move through his panel quickly.

Kirk agreed to file an amended tax return this week, according to Baucus' office.

Blagojevich signs book deal, reveals darker side of politics

By Don Babwin
The Associated Press



Ron Blagojevich

First U.S. governor to be impeached in more than 20 years

CHICAGO — Rod Blagojevich, the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed from office by impeachment, signed a deal yesterday to write a book "exposing the dark side of politics," his publicist said.

Blagojevich signed a "six-figure" deal to write a book for Phoenix Books, to be released in October, publicist Glenn Selig said in a news release.

Selig said the former governor "plans on exposing the dark side of politics that he witnessed in both the state and national level."

Blagojevich "does not intend to pull any punches and will reveal information and provide insights that will at times be embarrassing to himself as well as to others," according to Selig's release.

Blagojevich was ousted in January after his Dec. 9 arrest

by federal authorities on corruption charges that include allegations he tried to sell President Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat. He denies any wrongdoing.

The former governor will write about his rise in politics, including his election to Congress and his election and re-election as governor, Selig said. The former governor also promises to detail discussions and other factors that ultimately led him — three weeks after his arrest — to name Roland Burris to the Senate seat.

Blagojevich was the first governor removed from office in Illinois history and the first in the U.S. since Arizona's Evan Mecham in 1988.



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CHANGE: Senator of Minority Affairs Starmisha Page proposes a resolution that shows support of changing the name of Minority Affairs Senator to Diversity Affairs Senator. Sen. Page said she believes the change will bring a shift from a negative connotation to a positive connotation in the title of the position.

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Page-Conyers reassured members in attendance that this would not be the case.

"I only used the 105 black students case as precedence," Page said. "I feel by calling it the Diversity Affairs Senator, [the position] will be more inclusive of the cultural organizations on campus."

It was brought to attention by At-Large Senator Leo Almeida

that if the position were to be renamed, it wouldn't take place until next term.

Another proposed resolution dealt with indicating student support for a \$5 optional Green Fee at the University.

If the resolution passes, students would have the option to either pay a \$5 fee that would support energy sustainability or opt out of it.

"It would work just like the current legal services fee," said At-Large Senator Joe Dinan, who authored of the resolution.

If this Green Fee resolution were to pass, a student committee would be formed to look into more ways in reducing energy on campus.

"It's time for students to take responsibility to lower the impact on the environment," said Jazmine Bennett, president of the Environmental Action Group.

USG will vote on the Green Fee resolution the week students come back from spring break.

The last resolution proposed, but not voted on, included showing support for the Falcon Marching Band and their need for a place to practice.

Technology Senator Brooke Mott wrote the resolution out of concern of marching band members who are worried where they'll practice once ground for the Stroh Center is broken.

"I would like to have this resolution to make sure the band has a proper place to practice," Mott said.

USG members will also vote on this resolution in two weeks.

In closing remarks, some guests brought up their concerns with how USG meetings are run, specifically last week's heated Stroh Center Open Forum meeting.

"I think students should be able to speak at meetings without being reprimanded," said Joelle Ruby Ryan, a graduate student in American Culture Studies. "Also, make sure everyone has a chance to voice their opinion."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #10: "Trans Art: Visions of Gender Diversity"

130 & 131 Union

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

James Parlin Sculpture
The Little Gallery

6:30 p.m.

College of Technology: CO-OP Q&A
113 Olscamp Hall

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Dinner with a Doctor
228 Union

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Native American Unity Council Weekly Meeting
1010 Business Administration

7 - 9 p.m.

BG's Top Chef
Multi-Purpose Room, Union

8 p.m.

Bad Astronomy
112 Physical Sciences Lab**FISHING FOR KNOWLEDGE**

ALAINA BUZAS | THE BG NEWS

FUN WITH FISH: Seniors LaRiche Jones and Abby Crawson take notes on different fish species in the Marine Lab during their Biology 108 class on Monday. Jones said she was excited to take notes on the "Nemo" fish.

Minnesota worries about the future of financial aid

By Katherine Wolfe
The Minnesota Daily

The stimulus-mandated increase in Pell grant dollars from a maximum of \$4,731 to \$5,550 per student every academic year by 2010, an increase of more than \$800, is not guaranteed to Minnesota students, state education leaders said.

In Minnesota, the federal Pell grant, which is awarded to low-income students based on need, is linked to state grants, so when more money comes into the state via Pell grants, the Legislature has historically reduced the state grants.

For instance, a year after Pell grant funds increased by almost \$55 million in 2003, the state grant decreased by about \$18 million and almost 3,000 fewer students received state aid, according to a Minnesota Office of Higher Education document.

"If [students] are getting both the state and the Pell, they'll keep getting what they've

"We as a state have an obligation to make sure what Congress sends the state gets used for its intended purpose, which is need-based aid for students."

Barb Schlaefter | MOHE spokeswoman

always gotten, but I'm not sure if they will see any significant increase," said Sen. Claire Robling, R-Jordan, the Senate Higher Education Committee's ranking minority member.

The MOHE, which distributes state aid, however, assures students will at least see some of the increase.

"We as a state have an obligation to make sure what Congress sends the state gets used for its intended purpose, which is need-based aid for students," MOHE spokeswoman Barb Schlaefter said.

At the University of Minnesota, the Pell grant program is the largest of the federal grant programs available to students.

Pell Grants are considered a foundation of federal financial aid, to which aid from other federal and nonfederal sources might be added, according to the U.S. Department of Education. The pairing of state aid with the federal grant in Minnesota is an example of this.

Typically, the money saved from adjusting the state grant is invested in other areas of higher education, but the Minnesota Senate's Higher Education Committee members are worried that the state's \$5 billion budget deficit will mean the money could be used for other things, such as for health services, where the state cuts are even deeper than higher education's.

FSU faculty group fights budget cuts

By Felicity Fallon
FSView & Florida Flambeau

With the budget cuts caused by the national economic crisis, education and other public services have been hard hit.

The statistics facing public schooling and Florida State University in particular are alarming—in the coming year the university stands to lose 10 to 15 percent of its budget compared to the 8 percent cut from the 2008-09 year.

The \$35 million at stake will impact all aspects of the university, from class sizes to quality of faculty and grounds maintenance.

A group of faculty members at FSU active in the United Faculty of Florida union came together several months ago to discuss the possibility of taking action about this issue. The coalition they formed, Fate of the State, has organized a march to the Capitol building as well as a teach-in to take place today. The rally and teach-in aim to persuade the Florida legislature of the importance of preserving the quality of higher education in Florida.

"Our goals are to impact the legislature because they're the ones who are making bad decisions and don't have their

priorities right, and they're the ones that have to change their minds and do something about this situation," said Daniel Vitkus, an associate professor in the English department and one of the founders of Fate of the State.

The rally will assemble at 11 a.m. in front of the Westcott building on campus and will march down College Avenue and Duval Street to reach the Capitol building, where they will gather at the west entrance for the teach-in, which will take place at 12:15 p.m. In addition to the rally, there will be a radio show on WVFS 89.7 FM from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday night.

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"Basically the machine decides whether you're guilty or not, not the judge or jury."
— Terrence Rudes, drunk driving defense attorney from Port Clinton, Ohio, on the Intoxilyzer 8000
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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

How can you tell if someone is intoxicated?



"You try to say 'hi' and they don't recognize you."
ASHLEY MERRIWEATHER,
Freshman, Undecided



"When they jump out of your car and you almost run them over."
AMANDA EBERHARDT,
Freshman, Spanish Ed.



"When they start diagnosing people with illnesses thinking they're doctors."
KYLE SHAW,
Junior, Pre-Med



"By their eyes and if they are walking straight or not. And if they stink."
ASHLEY MARSHALL,
Senior, Intervention Specialist

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Spring break: more a time for stress to build than a time for rest



MARISHA PIETROWSKI
COLUMNIST

Contrary to its intended purpose of providing a much-needed rest, I've realized spring break is one of the most stressful, disappointing times of the year.

There's a good chance most people will believe I'm crazy for saying this, and I do not blame them for doing so. However, I have my reasons for feeling so negatively about this seemingly wonderful time.

One may ask what there is to complain about—it's a week away from academic responsibilities.

It seems like a complete win-win situation, giving students one full week to ruin their carefully-adjusted sleep schedules for those 8:30 a.m. classes.

Of course, that's assuming students actually make the effort to attend said classes, and don't make a regular date with the snooze button. There's no need to deal with walking into class in freezing cold and walking out of class into a sweaty spring or summer atmosphere.

The list of positives goes on. However, for me, the build-up to spring break is so stressful and the break itself so short and still involving so much work, that it's not as fun as it sounds in theory.

Through past and present personal experiences, the trend which tends to occur is a large number of assignments are due the week before spring break. It makes sense; students can finish a lot of their assignments before leaving the banal college life behind for a week and professors can hypothetically spend their week slaving over countless numbers of exams and papers.

However, the mere fact I have so many tasks to accomplish in the extremely short time left before classes suspend is making me forget about the light at the end of the tunnel. I'm sure many can relate with my situation: you want to throw your hands in the air and forget about your assignments, but doing so would set you up for certain failure.

Since spring break (as well as fall and Thanksgiving breaks) occurs in the middle of a semester, it's fairly short, and does not provide a clean break from classes. Instead of a stressful week before break, the other option is for professors

to use spring "break" as a chance to work endlessly on assignments due the following week, without having to deal with those pesky classes getting in the way of your constant and diligent work.

Unfortunately, this catch-22 is an inherent fact of college life. Either one has a horrid week preceding spring break, or one is faced with many assignments due immediately after break. As a result, it's possible one may need to spend their entire break preparing for their classes for the second half of the semester. Of course, if you're like I am, you'll end up procrastinating until the last possible minute to do that work, but still spend the week worrying about what you're not doing.

"I've realized spring break is one of the most stressful, disappointing times of the year."

Another common issue is many schools differing on when they schedule spring break. Since it's only one week, if a friend at another school has break another week, it may be difficult to meet up with them since the times off won't overlap.

In comparison, even if summer and winter breaks vary slightly, it's more likely time off will coincide at some point. So, even if you have a relatively stress-free break, it could be boring if your friends are going through the same stressful motions at school that you were last week.

I don't mean to sound ungrateful, because the fact I can collapse on my couch Friday night without having to immediately worry about my responsibilities sounds very appealing to me. I'm just frustrated because writing this column is a means to avoid my numerous academic responsibilities. Once I finish writing this, I will not be able to relax, and will instead feel the guilt of not doing other assignments. I'm simply bitter.

I hope everyone can survive this week and make it to Friday without wanting to rip out their hair. Everyone should enjoy the short but sweet break, whether you are traveling to a faraway vacation destination, staying at home relaxing (and maybe it'll be easier to waste time on Facebook at home than it is on campus) or working to get some money for a trip later in the year.

We've made it halfway through the semester, and hopefully this break will give us the boost to finish the other half.

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MICHAEL WEIGMAN | THE BG NEWS

Substitute cargo trucks for cargo trains

By Amy Allen
The Daily Illini

If you were in New York and had a parcel that had to be delivered to Los Angeles, getting in a truck and driving it there would not be the first solution to occur to you. Yet this is how many of the goods you use arrive in stores. Long-distance trucks carry almost 200 million tons of goods in the United States every year.

That's a lot of offensive gestures from drivers who are stuck behind them. But the costs of the motor carrier industry go far beyond road rage.

Trucks account for just six percent of the highway miles driven in the United States, but they contribute to half of the smog-causing air pollution. The average 18-wheeler emits as much nitrogen oxide and fine particulates as 150 passenger cars.

The EPA does not hold trucks to fuel efficiency standards comparable to the ones for cars. Since the Motor Carrier Deregulation Act of 1980, many truckers are independent owner-operators and could not afford to comply with regulations forcing them to purchase new trucks.

The rampant pollution caused by trucks has serious consequences for human health. An estimated 1,200 premature deaths in southern California are caused each year as a result of pollution from the trucking hub around the Port of Los Angeles. Diesel

pollution from trucks is estimated by the EPA to cause 360,000 asthma attacks each year and almost 6,000 cases of chronic bronchitis.

Yet, it remains much more likely that goods will cross the country by big rigs instead of by rail. This comes as no surprise to anyone who has ever driven on an interstate. Trucks carried 62 percent of the value and 28 percent of the weight of the total freight transported in the United States in 2005, while trains carried 15 percent of the value and 21 percent of the weight. These statistics reflect a difference in the goods typically transported by trucks and rail. Still, rail transit could carry a much higher proportion of America's freight and would reduce the environmental effect of transporting goods.

Trains are far from pollution

free, but their environmental effect is significantly less than that of trucks. Also, the fuel efficiency of trains has steadily improved over the past 20 years. In 2002, railways moved a ton of freight an average of over 400 miles per gallon of fuel, while the average truck moved a ton of freight only 59 miles.

The fuel efficiency of trains is an increase of over 60 percent since 1980, when trains moved a ton of goods an average of 250 miles on a gallon of fuel. Rail transportation is also more efficient than trucking in terms of emissions.

An EPA study concluded that trucks emit three times more nitrogen oxide and particulates per ton of goods per mile. Studies estimate that every ton mile that travels by rail instead of freight reduces greenhouse

gas emissions by two-thirds.

The Obama administration should do everything it can to expand rail infrastructure and remove subsidies in place for trucking. Road taxes paid by the industry do not fully account for the wear and tear to roads resulting from trucks, and taxpayers must pick up the slack.

The president has voiced his support for the expansion of passenger rail transport, but so far, rail freight seems to be the neglected step child of the environmental movement.

Getting stopped for a freight train is almost as annoying as darting in and out of highway lanes to get around slow-moving trucks belching out greenhouse gases, but the next time you're stopped at a crossing, roll down the window and enjoy the (comparatively) fresh air.

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Obama reveals truth about Bush administration's anti-terror secrets

By Devlin Barrett
and Matt Apuzzo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration threw open the curtain on years of Bush-era secrets yesterday, revealing anti-terror memos that claimed exceptional search-and-seizure powers and divulging that the CIA destroyed nearly 100 videotapes of interrogations and other treatment of terror suspects.

The Justice Department released nine legal opinions showing that, following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Bush administration determined that certain constitutional rights would not apply during the coming fight. Within two weeks, government lawyers were already discussing ways to wiretap U.S. conversations without warrants.

The Bush administration eventually abandoned many of the legal conclusions, but the documents themselves had been closely held. By releasing them, President Barack Obama continued a house-cleaning of the previous administration's most contentious policies.

"Too often over the past decade, the fight against terrorism has been viewed as a zero-sum battle with our civil liberties," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a speech a few hours before the



SECRETS: The Justice Department released a long-secret legal document from the Bush administration that claimed the military could search and seize terror suspects in the United States without warrants.

documents were released. "Not only is that school of thought misguided, I fear that in actuality it does more harm than good."

The Obama administration also acknowledged in court documents yesterday that the CIA destroyed 92 videos of involving terror suspects, including interrogations — far more than had been known. Congressional Democrats and other critics have charged that some of the harsh interrogation techniques amounted to torture, a contention President George W. Bush and other Bush officials rejected.

The new administration pledged yesterday to begin turning over documents related to the videos to a federal judge and

to make as much information public as possible.

The legal memos written by the Bush administration's Office of Legal Counsel show a government grappling with how to wage war on terrorism in a fast-changing world. The conclusion, reiterated in page after page of documents, was that the president had broad authority to set aside constitutional rights.

Fourth Amendment protections against unwarranted search and seizure, for instance, did not apply in the United States as long as the president was combatting terrorism, the Justice Department said in an Oct. 23, 2001, memo.

"First Amendment speech and press rights may also be subordi-

nated to the overriding need to wage war successfully," Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Yoo wrote, adding later: "The current campaign against terrorism may require even broader exercises of federal power domestically."

On Sept. 25, 2001, Yoo discussed possible changes to the laws governing wiretaps for intelligence gathering. In that memo, he said the government's interest in keeping the nation safe following the terrorist attacks might justify warrantless searches.

That memo did not specifically attempt to justify the government's warrantless wiretapping program, but it provided part of the foundation.

Yoo, now a professor at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, did not return messages seeking comment.

The memos reflected a belief within the Bush administration that the president had broad powers that could not be checked by Congress or the courts. That stance, in one form or another, became the foundation for many policies: holding detainees at Guantanamo Bay, eavesdropping on U.S. citizens without warrants, using tough new CIA interrogation tactics and locking U.S. citizens in military brig without charges.

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Stimulus bill vastly cuts cost for laid-off workers' health insurance

By Erica Werner
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cassandra J. Kelsey has tried to cut back on all her expenses since losing her job in January. But suffering from degenerative arthritis, she can't do without health care.

That's why the 55-year-old District of Columbia resident was excited when President Barack Obama's economic stimulus bill included a provision to slash costs for laid-off workers' health insurance.

And that's why she was distressed to learn that, because the Obama administration has yet to tell employers exactly how to make the benefit work, it'll be weeks or months before she can claim it.

"I don't know how I'm going to make it," Kelsey said.

At issue is a program known as COBRA that allows workers to keep their company's health insurance plan for 18 months after they leave their job, if they pay the premiums.

The policies are so expensive that only a minority of eligible workers sign up, and they are often those with medical conditions that demand attention. Costs for a family of four can top \$1,000 per month.

A \$25 billion provision in the stimulus bill aims to cut COBRA's price tag, reducing its cost by 65 percent for workers laid off as far back as Sept. 1.

The bill gives eligible workers



STRUGGLING: Cassandra Kelsey, 55, of Washington, was recently laid off from her job with Verizon and is now struggling with being unemployed and uninsured.

60 days to apply. Then they get the reduced-cost premium for nine months.

But it's not going to happen right away.

Employers are waiting for instructions from the Labor Department and the Internal Revenue Service on how to put the program into place. Both agencies put information online Thursday.

Until employers get the guid-

ance they need and notify potentially eligible ex-employees, most workers will not be able to apply for the new benefit. Many probably will not know it exists.

"Too many people are still trying to figure this out," said Heath Weems, director of human resources policy at the National Association of Manufacturers, an industrial trade association. "There is a lot of confusion."

Bill proposed in Congress requires government regulation of cigarettes

By Erica Werner
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With support from a president who's been trying to kick the habit himself, lawmakers renewed their efforts yesterday to require government regulation of cigarettes.

President Barack Obama has been an occasional smoker who acknowledged recently that quitting hasn't been easy. While in the Senate last year he co-sponsored legislation that would have given the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate cigarettes and other tobacco products, to reduce the harm from smoking.

The broadly popular legislation passed the House last summer but faced a veto threat from then-President George W. Bush and didn't get a vote in the Senate.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who's fought for years for government regulation of tobacco products, reintroduced the bill yesterday.

"Tobacco has never been, and should never be, a partisan issue," Waxman said. "I believe most members of Congress share my desire to pass mean-

"I believe most members of Congress share my desire to pass meaningful and truly effective tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking."

Henry Waxman | Representative, D-Calif.

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Waxman plans to bring the bill to a vote tomorrow in the Energy and Commerce Committee, which he chairs, and said he was optimistic it would become law during this session of Congress.

Advocates applauded the news.

"Federal government oversight is necessary to hold the industry accountable," said Nancy Brown, head of the American Heart Association. "We hope this will lead to swift congressional action."

Opponents of the legislation contend the FDA is not up to the job.

"I believe it's going to gut the agency's resources and distract it from its core mission," said Dr. Scott Gottlieb, policy expert at the American Enterprise

Institute and a deputy FDA commissioner during the Bush administration.

Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, who chairs the Senate's health committee, plans to reintroduce a Senate version of the bill in coming weeks. Last year his bill had 60 co-sponsors, including Obama — enough to overcome a filibuster. Now there are even more Democrats in the Senate, probably increasing the likelihood of passage.

An earlier version of the bill passed the Senate in 2004.

While the legislation would not let the FDA outlaw tobacco or nicotine, the agency could demand the reduction or elimination of cancer-causing chemicals in cigarette smoke. The bill would prohibit candy-flavored cigars and cigarettes, and would give the FDA authority to ban menthol.

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Knight still listed as game-to-game

Falcon forward Chris Knight is still listed as game-to-game according to coach Louis Orr. Knight has been out since Feb. 18, when he left the Buffalo game early, and still hasn't come back to practice. The absence of Knight has greatly affected the Falcons' size depth and has pushed Brian Moten into the starting lineup.

ONLINE
The BG News Sports Blog

Be sure to log on to The BG News Sports Blog for continued news and updates on your favorite Falcon teams. This week, we will be bringing you coverage of both basketball games from Miami as well as some MAC Tournament preview coverage. Also, be sure to visit over spring break as we will have coverage of the MAC Tournament and any news leading up to it.

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

- 1984**—Peter Ueberroth elected baseball commissioner.
- 1968**—Jean Beliveau becomes second NHL player to score 1,000 points.
- 1938**—The American Bowling Congress has its largest ever tournament with 24,765 competitors.
- 1875**—The first ever hockey game is recorded in Montreal.

The List

It's time for fantasy baseball again. Today, we are listing the top player's at key positions:

1. Starting pitcher:

There's quite the debate over who is the number one pitcher, but many owners have been jumping on the Giants' Tim Lincecum.

2. Outfield:

Of all the power hitting outfielders, it's Grady Sizemore who gets our nod. His complete five-tool approach to the game makes him a fantasy stud.

3. Shortstop:

Hanley Ramirez is expected to have a breakout season full of home runs, hits, stolen bases and anything else a fantasy owner could want.

4. First base:

There are plenty of choices if you like home runs, but we're going with the homer/average combo that Albert Pujols brings to the table.

5. Third base:

The sexy choice is Alex Rodriguez, but our choice is David Wright. With all the controversy surrounding A-Rod, who knows how he'll perform?

Women's 25-game winning streak helps put them in top 25



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

LONG TIME COMING: The Falcons have done plenty of celebrating after victories this season, and the winning has paid off with a spot in the AP's top 25.

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

While UCONN remained a unanimous No. 1 in the most recent women's basketball AP poll, the No. 25 team was different.

It was Bowling Green.

The Falcons, who had been steadily increasing their vote total since the ninth week of the season, broke into the top 25 after previously ranked No. 20 Kansas State lost a pair of games this week to unranked opponents, dropping them to No. 26.

While coach Curt Miller has said in the past few weeks the polls don't mean too much to him, he changed his tune to more about using the rankings

in the selection process.

But ideally, the team won't even need the selection committee.

"Hopefully we take all the discussion off the table if we can win the MAC Tournament," Miller said.

By winning the MAC Tournament, the Falcons receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

In the current ESPN Bracketology projections, the Falcons are ranked as a 12 seed and would be playing Iowa State in Duluth, Ga. on March 22.

And while others are making their predictions, Miller and his team are just focused on winning games and the MAC

Tournament.

Miller did address one more "what if" scenario saying if his team were to go all the way to a MAC Tournament finals without losing and then lose, the team would still have a strong case for NCAA Tournament consideration.

"Then, I think we have a fighting chance," Miller said.

Senior Lindsey Goldsberry, who was on the team that advanced to the Sweet 16, has been on ranked teams before and understands it is only a number.

"Rankings are great, and they're nice," she said. "But really you want to eventually win the tournament."

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SUPER SENIORS: Brian Moten, Darryl Clements, Lindsey Goldsberry and Nate Miller (clockwise from top left) have helped BG basketball have an overall successful season thus far.

With success from both the women's and men's team, BG is becoming 'Basketball U'

By Jason Jones
Assistant Sports Editor

"When you combine their record with our record, we're one of the best [programs] in the MAC right now."

Curt Miller | Women's coach

Both the women's and men's basketball teams are coming off huge weekends. The women clinched the Mid-American Conference regular season crown while the men put themselves in position to do the same.

The women now sit at 25-2 (14-0 MAC) and the men sit at 17-11 (10-4 MAC).

"When you combine their record with our record, we're one of the best [programs] in the MAC right now," women's coach Curt Miller said. "We're 'basketball U.'"

In fact, the two team's records do combine for the best win percentage of any MAC

school.

The women have made the postseason. Miller was sure to point out after Saturday's victory over Kent State that his team had secured a spot in the NIT.

The big question surrounding the team, however, is their chances of making the NCAA Tournament.

"I still think that right now we're still on the outside looking in," Miller said.

Miller has kept his team from getting

ahead of themselves all season, but did admit that by being ranked in the top 25, the selection committee would be more likely to give them a tournament birth even without a MAC Tournament crown, or at least a high seed with one.

"As long as our name keeps floating out there, they're going to see it," Miller said.

Miller's bunch will travel to Miami tomorrow night in search of a record 26th straight win.

"It's hard to believe it's the last week," senior Lindsey Goldsberry said. "The end is there but it hasn't gotten time yet."

The men's team is in a bit of a different position.

They've reeled off six straight wins in the conference, and if the regular season ended today, they would be MAC regular season champions.

That's huge for the program because that would give them a postseason birth in the NIT for the first time in nine years.

"I thank God, and I'm so happy for their success," men's coach Louis Orr said.

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NOT THE PROBLEM: The Falcon offense has sent its hitters running around the bases this season, but the pitching has blown several late leads.

Louisville sweeps Falcons

By Chris Sojka
Reporter

The Falcons, now 0-6 on the season, were swept by scores of 16-5, 8-5 and 9-2 at Jim Patterson Stadium.

In their three losses, the team was outscored 32-13, but had

In last weekend's series, baseball coach Danny Schmitz said the 26th ranked Louisville Cardinals simply executed better than the Falcons in all aspects of the game.

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Search continues for missing players, boat

By Christine Aarmario
and Mitch Stacy
The Associated Press

TAMPA — Coast Guard searchers yesterday narrowed the search area for two NFL players and a third man missing since a weekend fishing trip off the Florida Gulf Coast after crews rescued a fourth man clinging to their capsized boat.

Survivor Nick Schuyler, a former University of South Florida player, told rescuers that the boat the four friends were aboard was anchored when it flipped Saturday evening in rough seas, said Coast Guard Capt. Timothy M. Close. Since then, Schuyler, who was wearing a life vest, had been hanging onto the boat found by a Coast Guard cutter 35 miles off Clearwater.

Schuyler said the other three men got separated from the boat. The 21-footer belongs to



CHRIS O'MEARA | AP PHOTO

HOPING FOR THE BEST: Donald Nicholson, a friend of missing NFL player Marquis Cooper, talks on a cell phone in St. Petersburg, Fla. yesterday.

Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, who, along with free-agent defensive lineman Corey Smith and former South Florida player William Bleakley, remained missing.

Schuyler was conscious but appeared weak as he was being

taken off a helicopter at Tampa General Hospital and placed on a stretcher. His father said his son was in serious but stable condition and that he "looks OK."

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Injured Tribe pitchers look to make '09 returns

Westbrook sets June return date

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Jake Westbrook has June 12 circled on his calendar.

That's the date, exactly one year after the Cleveland Indians pitcher had ligament transplant surgery, that he hopes to be back on a major league mound.

"That's my goal," he said.

Pitching again in a major league game is what keeps Westbrook going as he endures a spring training that, for him, will last more than three months.

He reported to the Indians' new training complex on Jan. 25, about three weeks ahead of his teammates. While his teammates are preparing for a season that begins in about a month, Westbrook works by himself to strengthen his right arm so he can face hitters again.

When the major leaguers break camp, Westbrook will remain in Arizona and pitch in minor league exhibition games through the end of April. If all goes well, he then hopes to begin a rehabilitation assignment.

"Three months is a long time, but it's something I have to do," he said. "It's frustrating. I want to be out there, but I know it's going to take time. Hopefully down the road I'll be able to help the team."

Westbrook, 31, said he's been encouraged by his progress.

"I've had some soreness, which is to be expected," he said. "It's not going to be pain-free. It's a process I'm going to have to get used to."

Westbrook, who won 44 games between 2004-2006, talked to other pitchers who have gone through the ligament surgery, including current teammate Carl Pavano and former Indian Paul Byrd.

"It's been good feedback for me," he said. "They've told me some of the things to watch out for. I've heard a lot of things, but people say you don't really come back to where you were before for 1 1/2 to two years."

Westbrook threw off a flat mound from 60 feet, 6 inches on Sunday. The plan is to eventually

move him to a five-inch mound and then to a standard 10-inch mound.

"You feel good about every step you take," he said.

Though Westbrook, who has a 63-64 career record, wants to return by the anniversary date of his surgery, he won't view it as a failure if he doesn't make it.

"I'm not going to rush it," he said. "I'd like to be back by that date, but if it's late June or early July, that's OK. When I get back, I want to be back for good."

Westbrook said the elbow bothered him for a little more than a year before he had the surgery. Last season, Westbrook made his first four starts, but strained a muscle in his side and went on the disabled list on April 22. He returned and started on May 28 against the Chicago White Sox, but finally had to shut it down. He finished the season 1-2 with a 3.12 ERA.

"It had been something I could deal with," he said. "I was always able to get ready for my next start, but it reached the point last season when I wasn't able to do that."

Westbrook also had arthroscopic hip surgery on Sept. 5 to address another injury that had been bothering him for about a year. Recovering from two operations didn't lead to good times in the fall and winter.

"Four- or five-hour rehab days are not fun," Westbrook said.

A healthy Westbrook would be a big boost to the Indians. No. 1 starter Cliff Lee went 22-3 and won the Cy Young Award last season, but the rotation is full of questions after Lee. Cleveland is counting on Fausto Carmona to regain his 2007 form. Pavano, the No. 3 starter, won nine games in four years as a free-agent bust for the Yankees. Anthony Reyes is slated to be the fourth starter, but was shut down in September because of a sore elbow.

Jeremy Sowers, Aaron Laffey, Zach Jackson, Scott Lewis and David Huff are fighting for the fifth spot.



FAST TRACK: Fausto Carmona will be looking to go back to his 2007 form this season after an injury sidelined him for part of 2008.

Back from 2008 hip injury, Carmona looks to shine for Tribe

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — The weight of the Cleveland Indians' success in 2009 doesn't rest entirely on the right arm of Fausto Carmona.

However, if the pitcher has a repeat of last season — when he was injured for two months and didn't pitch well even when healthy — don't look for the Indians to be a threat in the American League Central.

"He's as important as any one player can be," general manager Mark Shapiro said of the 25-year-old right-hander.

Carmona, throwing in the mid-90s with a devastating sinker, burst onto the scene in 2007 with a 19-8 record and a 3.06 ERA in 32 starts, the second lowest in the AL.

In the first round of the ALCS playoffs, he subdued the New York Yankees while fighting off a bombardment of tiny bugs off Lake Erie that stuck to his face.

While it would have been a lot to ask of a young pitcher to duplicate that performance, no could have anticipated the complete reversal Carmona's 2008 season became. His final numbers — an 8-7 record with a 5.44 ERA — only tell part of the story.

There were signals early that Carmona's fortunes would be

much different. He walked a career-high eight batters in 3 1/3 innings in his second start. His sinker, which had hitters flailing the previous season, dove out of the strike zone too quickly.

A strained left hip landed Carmona on the disabled list in late May. He tried to come back from the injury in June, but the hip continued to bother him and he didn't return to the rotation until late July. He was 3-5 with a 7.61 ERA in his last nine starts.

TheturnaroundinCarmona's numbers was startling. He struck out 137 and walked 61 in 215 innings in 2007. Last season he struck out 58 and walked 70 in 120 2/3 innings.

So what happened? It might be part of the maturation process of a young player trying to master a difficult game.

"If it was that easy, everybody would just have a good season year after year," manager Eric Wedge said.

While the regular season is still over a month away, Carmona appears to have regained his confidence.

"You can see the difference in him," catcher Victor Martinez said. "He was hurt last year. He's healthy now."

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almost identical offensive numbers as the Cardinals. BG had two fewer hits, hitting .327 with five extra-base hits on the weekend, while Louisville hit .343 with 11 extra-base hits.

The Falcons had no trouble swinging the bats, but struggled closing out games in the late innings.

"Our bullpen needs to pick it up and we need to pick up intensity," Schmitz said. "We had trouble scoring in the late innings."

"There are numerous games we've had the lead, but we've had a hard time closing out the games."

Friday: UL: 16, BG: 5

The Falcons jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning as a double by catcher Tyler Elkins and an RBI double by third baseman Derek Spencer put the team on the board.

In the top of the third inning, outfielder T.J. Blanton led off with a home run. After a walk and a bunt single, Elkins hit an RBI single and Spencer followed with a sacrifice fly, giving him his second RBI of the game and a 4-0 lead.

Louisville cut the lead in half with two solo home runs in the bottom of the third and bottom of the fourth innings.

With momentum from the two home runs, UL took the lead when they got a run on a single, fly out and a passed ball. With two outs in the inning, BG's starting pitcher Dusty Hawk gave up a home run, which ended his day on the mound.

In that same inning, pitcher Ross Gerdeman gave up a home run, giving Louisville a 5-4 lead.

After a walk, a couple hits and an error in the top of the sixth, the Falcons added two more runs, giving them the lead again.

Louisville put the game out of reach with four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning and six runs in the eighth.

Junior Logan Meisler, who hit .583 in the series (7-for-12) led the team with three hits in this game.

Saturday: UL: 8, BG: 5

The Falcons took an early three-run lead in the second inning on one hit and an error.

BG's Dennis Vaughn led off the third with a single. Everyone was safe after a sacrifice attempt by Meisler. Ryan Schlatter walked and the Falcons had the bases loaded with one out.

Vaughn scored on a wild pitch, Blanton bunted home Meisler and Schlatter scored on an error.

In the Louisville eighth, they put the game away with four runs and the Falcons were unable to score the rest of the game.

Louisville scored in its last three at-bats to come from behind and beat BG. They scored six runs in their final three at-bats to erase a 5-3 lead the Falcons had.

Sophomore pitcher Matt Malewitz had a strong start for BG going five innings, allowing two hits and two unearned runs. He had three strikeouts and walked three on the day.

Sunday: UL: 9, BG: 2

The Falcons loaded the bases in the second inning with one out, but we were unable to score. Not taking advantage of the opportunity cost them, as UL scored two runs in the bottom of the inning, giving them an early 2-0 lead.

Trying to make a comeback, the Falcons had singles from Meisler and Brian Hangers in the fourth inning with one out, but Clay Duncan grounded into a double play to end the inning.

Louisville put the game away in their last at-bat when they scored five runs on a three RBI singles and a two-run home run.

Falcon pitchers hit five Louisville batters in the game and have now hit 18 batters thus far in six games.

The Falcons were supposed to take the field today at Dayton, but due to the cold weather, the game was canceled.

The team leaves on Friday for Winter Haven, Fla., where they will play eight games in eight days.

"It will be nice to get outside and get the reps in," Schmitz said. "We need to start playing Falcon Baseball [which is] blue collar, hard nose baseball."

SUCCESS

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Unlike the women, the men will need to win the MAC Tournament to get into the NCAA Tournament. Anything less would either send them back to the NIT, or end their season.

The men will head to Miami on Thursday night for a matchup against the Redhawks, who are currently 9-5 in conference play.

"You've got to play the game in front of you because that is the biggest game of the year," Orr said. "If we hadn't done that six games ago, we wouldn't be where we are now."

The men continue to be without forward Chris Knight. Knight injured his ankle during the team's win over Buffalo and is currently listed as game to game.

"He's making progress, and I guess we'll know when we know," Orr said.

Each team has two games to go. The women will look to bulk up their postseason resume, while the men will look to create one.

It's now March 3, and madness is in the air.

BOAT

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"He's got some cuts and bruises. He's dehydrated," said Stuart Schuyler.

Schuyler's mother, Marsha Schuyler, said her son told her that he survived by thinking about how he didn't want her to go to his funeral.

The family's joy at him being found alive was tempered by the search for his friends.

"We still have three men missing, and we're not going to talk too much until we find these guys. We're all praying for them. These guys are all very close friends," said Stuart Schuyler. "We're all praying for them. These guys are all very close friends."

Coast Guard photos showed Schuyler wearing a yellow jacket and orange life vest and sitting on the hull of the capsized boat as a rescue cutter approached. A helicopter lowered a basket to haul him aboard. The search area is now "substantially smaller," based on where they found the boat and Schuyler, Close said. Searchers had previously covered 16,000 square miles of ocean.

Smith's family planned to drive to Florida from Richmond,

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Stuart Schuyler | Survivor's father

Va., today, after the snowy weather in the East made getting a flight impossible, said Yolanda Newbill, one of Smith's sisters. She said they have been in contact with the Coast Guard every few hours since the search began.

"We have never lost hope," Newbill said. "We have total faith that [he] will be coming home."

Ray Sanchez of Tampa, a cousin of Cooper, said he was told the men were together "for a good period of time" after the boat flipped. He said the family was confident the Coast Guard would find them.

"My cousin's a powerful swimmer," he said.

The water temperature in the area was 68 degrees. After 18 hours in 64-degree water, hypothermia will set in, said Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class James Harless. How long

someone can survive depends on how big the person is, he said. Cooper is 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, and Smith, 6-foot-2, 250 pounds.

The four friends left Clearwater Pass early Saturday in calm weather, but heavy winds picked up through the day and the seas got heavy, with waves of 7 feet and higher, peaking at 15 feet on Sunday. A relative alerted the Coast Guard early Sunday after the men did not return as expected. The Coast Guard said it did not receive a distress signal.

The men were aboard an Everglades-manufactured boat, which is built with compressed foam encased in fiberglass, making it difficult to sink. The weather had improved, with waves subsiding to 6 to 8 feet, National Weather Service meteorologist Todd Barron said.

However, Bob Zales, presi-



LOST: Marquise Cooper owned the boat that is missing off the coast of Florida.



RIDING ALONG: Corey Smith was a passenger on the boat that is missing off Florida.

dent of National Association of Charter Boat Operators, said waves that high can capsize a boat the size of Cooper's.

"A boat that size, personally, I wouldn't get out any farther than 20 or 30 miles offshore," Zales said. "But I see people all the time 40, 50 miles offshore."

Cooper and Smith, who were teammates with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2004, have been on fishing trips before, according to Ron Del Duca, Smith's agent.

The 29-year-old Smith of Richmond, had 30 tackles,

including three sacks, and an interception in 12 games last season for the Detroit Lions. He also played for the San Francisco 49ers and was a standout at North Carolina State.

Cooper, 26, played college ball at Washington, and has spent five seasons with five different teams, appearing in 26 games with the Buccaneers in 2004 and 2005. He's played sparingly since. He grew up in Gilbert, Ariz., and his father Bruce is a prominent sports-caster for KPNX-TV in Phoenix.

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FACING: Lisa Pagan is shown with her husband, Travis, right, and her children Elizabeth, 4, and Eric, 3, at their home in Davidson, N.C., Friday, Feb. 27. After spending more than a year fighting her recall to active duty, the mother of two has to decide by March 1 whether to deploy to Iraq and abandon her family — a move that would create financial chaos — or refuse to go and possibly face charges.

Mom struggles to balance Army, family

By Martha Waggoner
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina mother who reported for Army duty with her two young children will be discharged from the military, her attorney said yesterday.

Attorney Mark Waple of Fayetteville said it wasn't yet clear if Lisa Pagan would receive an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions. It also wasn't certain when she would be discharged.

The reason for the discharge will be that she doesn't have, and cannot have, an adequate family care for her two young children, he said.

"There is definitely some feeling of relief, especially since she has been led to believe that the command at Fort Benning is going to do everything to expedite this so she can return to Charlotte, North Carolina, with her children," Waple said of Pagan's reaction to the decision.

She has received no time line "except they are trying to process it as quickly as possible," he said.

He advised Pagan against talking to reporters until after the discharge is official.

Fort Benning spokesman Bob Purtiman could not confirm yesterday whether Pagan's commanders were discharging her. He said she was being issued

a uniform, undergoing medical and dental screenings and filling out paperwork like any other soldier.

"As far as her disposition, right now the case is being reviewed by the chain of command," Purtiman said. "Specific actions the chain of command are considering will not be discussed because that would violate her privacy rights."

Pagan was recalled to the Army four years after being released from active duty, which is allowed under the military's "individual ready reserve" program. But she says she had no one to care for her children.

Soldiers can appeal, and some have won permission to remain in civilian life. Pagan filed several appeals, arguing that because her husband travels for business, no one else can take care of her kids. Her appeals were rejected.

So she reported for duty yesterday at Fort Benning, Ga., with her children, 5-year-old Elizabeth and 3-year-old Eric.

Earlier yesterday, Fort Benning spokesman Bob Purtiman said Pagan reported to the Army post's mobilization center that prepares individual soldiers to plug into Army units already overseas or those train-

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St. Lucie may become 'disaster area'

By Brian Skoloff
The Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Just five years ago, Port St. Lucie was America's fastest-growing large city. Then the foreclosure crisis slammed it like a hurricane.

Today it sits in one of the hardest-hit counties in the nation. Thousands of houses are empty or unfinished. Neighborhoods are littered with for-sale and foreclosure signs and overgrown, neglected yards. Break-ins are on the rise.

But one politician believes he has a unique solution: Declare St. Lucie County a disaster area as if it had been hit by, well, a hurricane.

"This is a manmade disaster," County Commissioner Doug Coward acknowledged. But he said that is why "we've got to do something. Clearly, the economic crisis of the country far exceeds the ability of local governments to solve it, but we're trying to be a part of the solution."

The declaration would allow the county to suspend the usual bidding process for shovel-ready projects so that local contractors would get the jobs. It would also enable government officials to use some of the money in a \$17.5 million county fund usually reserved for natural disasters.

The projects could, in turn, put some residents back to work, helping them pay their mortgages and stave off foreclosure.

Other politicians fear a disaster declaration could scare off investors and drive down the county's credit rating, which would make it more expensive to borrow money. But the idea has appeal among many homeowners, particularly those in the construction trades, which are seeing unemployment rates of up to 40 percent.

Jacqueline Byers, research director for the National Association of Counties, said she knows of no other U.S. county that is contemplating such a move.

"Everybody is kind of floundering around. Counties are looking for ways to address their shortfalls. This might be an innovative way to do it," she



JPAT CARTER | AP PHOTO

DOING WHAT IS BEST: St. Lucie County Commissioner Doug Coward discusses a proposal he is launching to use \$17.5 million in county emergency funds to restart the local economy, Friday, Feb. 20, in a park in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

said.

During Port St. Lucie's boom, houses sprang up by the thousands as young and old flocked to the area, lured by affordable prices, open space and a bit of a slower lifestyle.

Port St. Lucie — the spring-training home of the New York Mets, situated inland from the more expensive Atlantic Coast along Florida's Turnpike, about 100 miles north of Miami — nearly doubled in population from 88,000 in 2000 to 151,000 in 2007. Three biotechnology institutions opened in the county.

But then the foreclosure crisis struck and the economy went south. Many people soon realized they had bought more house than they could afford.

The county had more than 10,000 foreclosures last year, up from 4,165 the year before. Unemployment stands at 10.5 percent, more than double three years ago.

The newly out-of-work have been showing up in large numbers at St. Lucie Catholic Church, where free dinners are served every Thursday night. The church began serving meals to about 35 people a year ago. Last week, there were 175.

"We even give them a little bag to take home to try to help them through the week," said volunteer Karen Cuevas. "But we can't give out too much because we're not getting as much in."

Coward, who hopes to put the disaster-declaration idea to a commission vote within a few weeks, said that the laws regard-

ing the emergency fund refer to manmade as well as natural disasters, and that the county attorney believes the idea is legal. He said the money could go toward new roads, a courthouse expansion, utility improvements and other projects.

Among those who could benefit are Bonnie Bigger, 60, and her 29-year-old son, Jason. Their lender began foreclosure proceedings against them last week for falling \$4,500 behind on their \$776-a-month mortgage payments on a condo they have been living in since 1984.

She retired a year ago from her job as a 411 operator, but Social Security and disability payments just aren't cutting it, and she has had trouble finding part-time work. Her son, who works in construction, just had his hours cut back by 40 a month.

"We're hurting," he said.

But Port St. Lucie Mayor Patricia Christensen warned that labeling the county a disaster area could have a devastating effect. She said that after word of the idea got out, the city's New York bond issuer called to check on whether it was on the brink of ruin.

"I understand what the county is trying to do," Christensen said. "But we're starting to see improvements in our city. The real estate market is turning around, and although the homes aren't selling for the high prices that they were a few years ago, they are starting to sell."

The idea may or may not help folks like the Derek and

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Wall Street continues to plummet

By Tim Paradis
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A relentless sell-off in the stock market yesterday blew through barriers that would have been unthinkable just weeks ago, and investors warned there was no reason to believe buyers will return anytime soon.

The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted below 7,000 at the opening bell and kept driving lower all day, finishing at 6,763 — a loss of nearly 300 points. Each of the 30 stocks in the index lost value for the day.

And the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, a much broader measure of the market's health, dipped below the psychologically important 700 level before closing just above it. It hadn't traded below 700 since October 1996.

Investors were worried anew about the stability of the financial system after insurer American International Group posted a staggering \$62 billion loss for the fourth quarter, the biggest in U.S. corporate history — and accepted an expanded bailout from the government.

But beyond daily headlines, Wall Street seems to have given up the search for a reason to believe that the worst is over and the time is ripe to buy again.

"As bad as things are, they can still get worse, and get a lot worse," said Bill Strazullo, chief market strategist for Bell Curve Trading, who said he believes the Dow might fall to 5,000 and the S&P to 500.

The Dow's descent has been breathtaking. It took only 14 trading sessions for the average to fall from above 8,000 to below 7,000. For the year, the Dow has lost 23 percent of its value.

Its last close below 7,000 was May 1, 1997 — a time when the market was barreling to one record high after another because of the boom in technology stocks, but often suffered big drops as investors worried about inflation and rising interest rates.

This time around, Wall Street analysts seem to believe that a stock market recovery will first require signs of health among financial companies, and yesterday those signs seemed further away than ever.

AIG, whose reach is so vast that the government warns letting it fail would cripple the very world financial system, will get another \$30 billion in loans on top of the \$150 billion already invested by the government.

HSBC PLC, Europe's largest bank by market value, said it needs to raise about \$18 billion, reported a 70 percent drop in earnings for last year, and announced plans to

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Protestors push greenhouse gas legislation

By Brian Westley
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Several thousand demonstrators yesterday urged Congress to pass legislation to reduce greenhouse gases, and they targeted the government's own Capitol power plant as a symbol of the problem.

An enthusiastic crowd of mostly young people marched from a park near the Capitol to the small power plant several blocks away, chanting "We don't want the world to boil, no coal, no oil!"

Some demonstrators peacefully stood in front of the power plant's gated entrances while police stood by. There were no arrests, said Sgt. Kimberly

Schneider, a Capitol Police spokeswoman.

Despite attempts by lawmakers to clean up the power plant in southeast Washington, it still burns coal and accounts for a third of the legislative branch's greenhouse gas emissions.

"We need to move rapidly for a clean energy future," said Charlie Garlow, of Silver Spring, Md., who was dressed as a smokestack. Asked about what he hoped the rally would accomplish, he replied, "We want to make sure a good bill gets passed, not a watered down one."

Ahjani Yepa-Sprague, an American Indian who lives in Michigan, said coal is destroy-

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JACQUELYN MARTIN | AP PHOTO

PROTEST: Robbie Reeves, 22, left, and Dominique Piccino, 23, both of Chico, Calif., march by the Capitol building during an environmental rally on the Capitol Power Plant in Washington, on Monday, March 2.

Governor's use of e-mail scrutinized

By Henry C. Jackson
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — In his first two years in office, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver rarely used his state e-mail account, relying instead on a private server and computer in what freedom-of-information advocates decried as an effort to skirt public records laws.

But after The Associated Press began questioning Culver aides about the matter, the governor changed his policy and has begun using his state e-mail account for public business.

Culver aides had said the governor and Lt. Gov. Patty Judy used private e-mail accounts and computers to ensure they didn't violate state laws banning

public officials from using public e-mail accounts for political or personal purposes.

But public records advocates had scoffed at their claims.

"Why doesn't the governor just use his state e-mail account for government matters and his private account for personal and family matters and err on the side of disclosure?" asked Herb Strentz, a retired professor at Drake University in Des Moines who studies public records issues.

Weeks after The Associated Press began questioning the governor's office about his e-mail habits, spokesman Troy Price said yesterday that Culver had begun to use his state e-

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ing to deploy. He did not know how long she was scheduled to stay at Fort Benning.

He said Fort Benning has day care services available for Pagan's children while she's there.

Pagan is among thousands of former service members recalled after leaving duty since the Sept. 11 attacks because they're on "individual ready reserve" status, meaning they have time left on their original enlistment contracts and can be recalled at any time.

Master Sgt. Keith O'Donnell, an Army spokesman in St. Louis, has said that of the 25,000 individual ready reserve troops recalled since September 2001, more than 7,500 have been granted deferments or exemptions.

About 1,000 have failed to report, and most of those cases are still under investigation, he said. Another 360 soldiers have been separated from the Army either through "other than honorable" discharges or general discharges.

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Kellyanne Baehr. They are six months behind on their \$2,160-a-month mortgage and struggling to avert foreclosure.

Derek, 40, has been unemployed for the past 10 years after being diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder that will eventually put him in a wheelchair. The couple have lived in their modest, single-story stucco home for four years, and admit they got in over their heads with the \$209,000 purchase. They said the house is now worth just \$135,000.

After months of trying to work with their lender, they got a slight reduction in their interest rate, but "it was like putting a Band-Aid on cancer," Derek said.

"We can't continue to go on this way," said Kellyanne, 37, who fears she could soon lose her job as an accounting clerk because another round of layoffs is coming. "I cry about every day."

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ing her community's way of life.

"Every inland lake in Michigan is contaminated with mercury," she said. "This is the first generation in the history of our people that our children cannot eat fish given to us by the creator."

The group met about a dozen counter-demonstrators who held signs reading: "Our economy runs on coal." The counter-demonstrators argued that coal is affordable and that renewable alternatives to coal-fired power plants won't meet a growing demand for electricity.

The Capitol power plant hasn't generated electricity since 1952, but it does provide steam for heating and chilled water for cooling buildings within the Capitol complex.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, the city's nonvoting member of Congress, said she's been fighting against the power plant since tak-

ing office nearly two decades ago.

"It has poisoned untold numbers of people who live in the District of Columbia," she said.

Norton and others at the rally said they were encouraged by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid who last week called for converting the plant entirely to natural gas in a letter to the Architect of the Capitol, which oversees the maintenance and operation of the Capitol Complex.

The protest on energy and climate came as Washington began digging out from its largest snowfall of the season. Organizers noted that climate change causes more extreme weather, and they said the issue is important enough that people were willing to brave the cold.

"God has a sense of humor," said protester Rhody Streeter, of Louisville, Ky., referring to the weather.

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mail account for state business in the last two weeks and Judge was making the same transition.

Price said no single event pushed the governor to regularly use his state e-mail account for the first time in two years.

"The manner in which the governor and lieutenant governor used private e-mail provided a record of their communications on state business, and at the same time ensured that no public resources were being used for either private or personal purposes," Price said in a statement. "However, the governor and lieutenant governor want to leave no doubt in anyone's mind as to their commitment to open government."

Culver and Judge declined interview requests by The Associated Press.

The governor's previous policy rankled Strentz and Charles Davis, the executive director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition. They argued Culver's private e-mails might be subject to public records requests if they contain state business.

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People paid girl scouts with counterfeit cash

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) — Police in Washington state say they've captured three people who bought Girl Scout cookies with counterfeit \$20 bills.

Troop 40411 leader KC Gettings says she went to a bank Saturday to get change and was told she had two counterfeit \$20 bills.

She says she found an additional \$60 worth of fake bills in the cookie receipts for a total loss of \$100.

Police say the counterfeiters also were using fake bills to make purchases at stores all over Kitsap County, west of Seattle.

Three people were in custody yesterday and police say there's probable cause to arrest a fourth.

Man arrested for stealing from SWAT

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Corpus Christi police didn't have to go far to examine the scene of one crime — the theft of guns from a police car.

Authorities said a semiautomatic rifle, handgun, Taser and ammunition were stolen Feb. 8 from the trunk of a car parked at the home of a SWAT team officer.

Then they discovered that fingerprints from the car matched a man who was already in custody.

Police said 27-year-old Jaime Jalomo had appeared in court the day after the car theft and pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

Jalomo was indicted Thursday on two counts of theft of a firearm.

A Nueces County jailer who wouldn't give her name said Jalomo was still in custody there Saturday. Jail records did not identify an attorney to speak for him.

Man files multiple fake injury claims, gets thousands

BOSTON (AP) — A Massachusetts man is accused of filing 21 fake injury claims for the same broken tooth, pocketing at least \$36,000 in insurance payments.

Attorney General Martha Coakley's office says the man injured a tooth at a restaurant in 2002 by biting into a piece of plastic in his salad. The eatery paid for his medical treatment.

Prosecutors say he then filed 21 false injury claims against other restaurants, using information from the legitimate incident.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today on charges of insurance fraud, larceny and attempted larceny.

The alleged scheme was discovered by an insurance investigator.

Club aims to cut the #@!& out of their speech

By John Rogers
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Pay no attention to that eerie silence in the nation's most populous county this week; it will simply be the sound of 10 million people not cussing.

At least that's the result McKay Hatch is hoping for once his campaign to clear the air is recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Today, the board is scheduled to issue a proclamation by Supervisor Michael Antonovich making the first week in March No Cussing Week.

That would mean no blue language from the Mojave desert, where it gets hot as \$%...? in the summer, to the Pacific Ocean, where on a winter's day it can get colder and nastier than ...%\$?!

Not that 15-year-old Hatch expects complete compliance. When his No Cussing Club meets at South Pasadena High School on Wednesdays it's not unusual for a non-member to throw open the door and fire off a torrent of four-letter words. He's also been the target of organized harassment by pro-cussers.

And Antonovich's county motion carries no penalties.

"But it's a good reminder for all of us, not just young people but everybody, to be respectful to one another and watch the words we use," said the supervisor's spokesman, Tony Bell.

The county isn't the first entity to try to put the lid on

"It's not about forcing anyone to stop, just to bring awareness."

McKay Hatch | Student

swearing. Hatch's hometown of South Pasadena declared itself a cuss-free zone for a week last March, and two years ago a high school in Canada threatened to suspend repeat cussers.

Hatch has lofty goals. "Next year I want to try to get California to have a cuss-free week. And then, who knows, maybe worldwide," said the 10th grader, who believes if people treat each other with more civility they can better work together to solve bigger problems.

He said his campaign began to form about the time he hit seventh grade when he noticed his friends beginning to swear, something his family didn't allow.

He formed the No Cussing Club and invited others to join. Soon the group had a Web site, bright orange T-shirts, a hip hop theme song and inquiries from all over from people interested in joining. He estimates 20,000 people have formed similar clubs.

"It's not about forcing anyone to stop, just to bring awareness," he says of the movement. "If you can do a week without cussing, maybe you can do two weeks. And then maybe a month."



After five years, a holiday for 'squares' and their admirers

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Dust off the slide rules and recharge the calculators. Square Root Day is upon us.

The math-buffs' holiday, which only occurs nine times each century, is today — 3/3/09 (for the mathematically challenged, three is the square root of nine).

"These days are like calendar comets, you wait and wait and wait for them, then they brighten up your day — and poof — they're gone," said Ron Gordon, a Redwood City teacher who started a contest meant

to get people excited about the event.

The winner gets, of course, \$339 for having the biggest Square Root Day event.

Gordon's daughter even set up a Facebook page — one of a half-dozen or so dedicated to the holiday — and hundreds of people had signed up with plans to celebrate in some way. Celebrations are as varied: Some cut root vegetables into squares, others make food in the shape of a square root symbol.

The last such day was five years ago, Feb. 2, 2004, which coincided with Groundhog Day. The next is seven years away, on April 4, 2016.

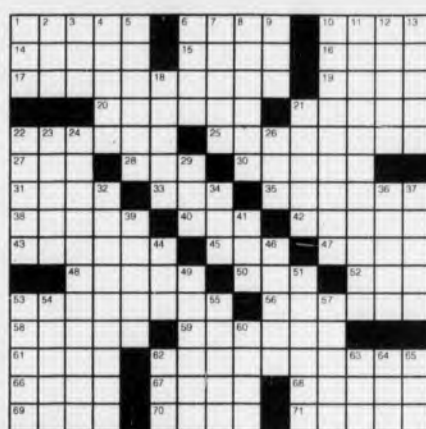
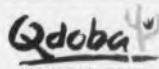
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16 Strip of a lattice
17 Fish farms
19 Blues great James
20 Doctrines
21 Glossy fabric
22 Off the boat
25 Three consecutive goals
27 Hot spring
28 Ambulance grp.
30 Nearby things
31 Recent walkers
33 Truly!
35 Full of worthless stuff
38 Gopher Mediate
40 A-Team guy
42 Pianist Blake
43 In heaven

45 Tempe sch.
47 Chinawood oil
48 Fund a fellowship
50 Grad. degree
52 Wornout piece of cloth
53 Carolina cape
56 Martina of tennis
58 Pixelike
59 Caspian sturgeon
61 Settlement
62 Female pharaoh
66 750 in letters
67 Cinema pooch
68 TV journalist Frank
69 On the Aegean
70 Fired off
71 Hebrew letter

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2 Can or cup ending?
3 U.S. voter
4 One hundred: pref.
5 Stick
6 Used to be
7 Math subj.
8 Lunges toward
9 Twisting turn
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11 Location of Southern Miss
12 "Toys in the —"
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18 Adversary
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DUBLIN — Police charged two men Monday night in connection with an Irish-record robbery in which a gang forced a Bank of Ireland employee to steal millions from his own employer — or risk having his family executed.

INAYAT KALI PAKISTAN

INAYAT KALI, Pakistan — Bomb craters and lines of ruined shops and gas stations show the force used by the army to retake this town from militants. The destruction near the Afghan border is a sign of the challenges Pakistan faces in cementing security gains in tribal areas.

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WASHINGTON UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON — Insurer American International Group's \$62 billion fourth-quarter loss was the largest in U.S. corporate history, requiring an additional \$30 billion rescue plan from the federal government. Experts say even more taxpayer bailout funds may be needed to keep AIG afloat for a simple reason: Its collapse would cripple global financial markets.

HAVANA CUBA

HAVANA — Cuba abruptly removes some of its most powerful officials, including the longtime foreign minister and the economy and finance ministers, and reduces the enormous powers of a vice president who designed modest economic reforms under Fidel Castro. The biggest shakeup in Cuban politics since Raul Castro took over from his ailing older brother replaces key Fidel loyalists with men closer to Raul.

BISSAU AFRICA

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau — The president of this West African nation for nearly a quarter-century is assassinated by renegade soldiers — an attack that comes hours after a bomb kills his longtime rival, the armed forces chief. Analysts fear the violence could further destabilize a nation already struggling with Latin American cocaine cartels who use it as a transit point for drugs to Europe.



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BEIJING CHINA

BEIJING — A Chinese collector says he was behind the winning bids for two imperial bronzes auctioned at Christie's over Beijing's objections, then announces he has no intention of paying the \$36 million. The audacious act of commercial sabotage exposes the tensions China and other nations, such as Greece and Egypt, face in trying to recover lost cultural objects.



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